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## "WHOLE EARTH - WHOLE PEOPLE" ARE CONCERN OF EIGHTH GENERAL SYNOD

Under the theme, "Whole Earth—Whole People," more than 700 delegates, plus as many visitors, came from the forty Conferences of the United Church of Christ to the 8th General Synod, meeting in Grand Rapids, Mich., June 25-29, 1971.

*Why did they come?* To chart the course of the United Church of Christ.

*What did they do?* They explored four main issues that had been developed in six regional meetings across the United States. When the Synod ended, the following had become four priorities for the U.C.C. for the next two years:

- The Faith Crisis
- Racial Justice
- Peace and American Power
- Strengthening the Local Church

A fifth priority almost emerged: Other people! — Women . . . Youth . . . American Indians . . . Poor People! Woman is to have more opportunities at all levels of church, business and society. Too frequently a church has no woman on the Board of Trustees or the Board of Deacons.

The 150 young people — those under 30 years of age — met several days and nights prior to the opening of General Synod, studied all of the materials, and were prepared to discuss materials and motions on the floor of Synod. They met each day before Synod opened and after evening adjournment. They were articulate, knowledgeable and, as one person observed, "more fundamentalist" than most of their leaders. They were determined that there should be a "whole earth and a whole people."

American Indians have developed the "Council for American Indian Ministry" and now have representatives on the U.C.C. Executive Council. Rejoicing that they are now full members of the church, they presented to each delegate a little drum.

American Indian Sunday will be observed in the fall.

*Poor People*, people of the third world, people without food or good housing, presented their claims. Welfare mothers, Chicanos, and others from across the world made known their plight. General Synod asked for a guaranteed minimum income of \$6500 for a family of four and sought a minimum wage coverage for farm workers not now covered.

All kinds of people in all places of the earth need to live abundantly. Will the Gospel of Jesus Christ move us to answer their needs?

A word about the Four Main Priorities:

1. *The Faith Crisis* — Personal faith is at a low ebb. "I don't know what I believe," is heard on every hand. Drugs are being substituted for faith. Corporate faith seems meaningless. When we use the "Statement of Faith" as a community of Christians gathered on a Sunday, do we "believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father" and do we testify to His deeds?" The Crisis of Faith is seen in how we express our faith in our everyday response, how we respond and relate to others, and what priorities we develop as individuals and as churches. As someone said, "I have seen the crisis, and it is us!"

2. *Racial Justice* — From that bleak December morning in 1955 when Rosa Parks, a tired black woman, refused to give up her seat to a white rider in Montgomery, Ala., new power is coming to black people across the earth. Yet racism exists on every hand. General Synod was determined to develop leadership among black people and authorized a campaign to raise several million dollars

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### Rev. Annie R. Campbell Retires From Robins Parish

Rev. Annie R. Campbell, pastor of Robins Parish, Tennessee, for nearly eleven years, has retired from the active pastoral ministry effective August 1, 1971.

Known affectionately as "Miss Annie" throughout the Southeast Conference, the Rev. Miss Campbell, is a native of Winter Park, Fla. Having attended Rollins College, she received her Master's Degree in Religious Education from Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1930.

Her work has been varied and often difficult. A woman minister was even less readily accepted several years ago than now, although, as she says, "most of the money is raised and most of the work is done by the women." Nevertheless she has performed her ministry with deep commitment and a contagious sense of humor.

"Miss Annie" began work in the Southeast as a Student Summer Service Worker. After graduation from Hartford, she served as a Church Extension Worker for six years, organizing young people's groups, helping in Sunday Schools, and

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A column of events to help you with your planning.

## SEPTEMBER

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10 and 11 (4 P. M. to 4 P. M.) — SEC Executive Committee and Commission Orientation, Camp Calvin, Ga.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 and 12 — SEC YOUTH Regional Mini-Conference, Camp Calvin.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24, 25 and 26 — SEC YOUTH Regional Mini-Conference, Camp Ozone, Tenn.

Sunday, Sept. 26 - Saturday, Oct. 2 — Christian Education Week.

## OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 2 — N. Alabama Association (place to be announced).

Sunday, Oct. 3 — World Communion Sunday (Neighbors in Need Offering).

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 8 and 9 — Georgia - South Carolina Association, Circular Church, Charleston.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8, 9, and 10 — SEC YOUTH Regional Mini-Conference, Camp Anderson Creek, Rogersville, Ala.

Sunday, Oct. 10 — Laity Sunday.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 12 and 13 — East Alabama Association. Tuesday at Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga.; Wednesday, at Todd Church, Shawmut, Ala.

Saturday, Oct. 16, 10 A. M. — South Alabama - Northwest Florida Association, First Church, Andalusia, Ala.

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2:30 P. M. — Central Alabama Association, Mountain Creek Union Church.

Saturday, Oct. 23 — Alabama-Tennessee Association (place to be announced).

Sunday, Oct. 24 — United Nations Day.

Sunday, Oct. 31 — Reformation Day and Youth Sunday.

Sunday, Oct. 31 — Sunday, Nov. 7 — Youth Week.

# Christian Education Week 1971

If we take seriously the injunction, "Christianity is always just one generation from extinction," then education in Christian values and involvement must be taken seriously, too.

Of course one week is not enough for such an emphasis; but Christian Education Week (Sept. 26-Oct 2) may be just the springboard needed for a church-wide concern that children, youth and adults need to know more about historical and contemporary demands upon our Christian faith.

We suggest a few possibilities for Christian Education Week:

1. *An Open Meeting of the Christian Education Committee and/or Sunday Church School Teachers.* Here people might share their concerns, or a speaker or film might "open them up" to the gaps between profession of concern and commitment.

2. *Sunday Church School Open House.* Invite people to attend who are irregular or who have never attended. Take your car to pick them up. Make it a point to have new persons in every class. Make them feel welcome. Serve refreshments.

3. *Class Visitations.* On the first Sunday, have adults and youth visit children's classes. On the second Sunday, have children visit youth and adult classes. Make it a time of fellowship and sharing.

4. *Church School Day in Church.* Let the Sunday Church School, in a worship setting, share its concerns and joys with the entire church. Even the minister should listen on this day, and not preach. Have a fellowship hour afterwards (carry-in-dinner, refreshments or all-church picnic).

5. *Midweek Fellowship Dinner,* followed by a speaker, film or panel on some Christian education issues. Be sure to plan for follow-up of issues raised.

6. *Housecleaning Day.* Discard broken toys, outdated papers, coverless books. Scrub, paint and hang attractive pictures at eye-level of pupils. Have a carry-in meal. Spruce up the grounds, too!

Although these are not guarantees of success in Christian education, they're evidences of concern; and that's a good beginning point!



*neighbors  
in need*

October 3, 1971, World Communion Sunday, is the suggested date for receiving the "Neighbors in Need" offering. It is not too early to begin promotion (see Stewardship Packet, Fall 1971, which all pastors and some laymen have received).

The "Neighbors in Need" offering, approved by General Synod of the United Church of Christ, gives every congregation an opportunity to support work administered through the Commission for Racial Justice.

Four areas are emphasized: *Development* — efforts to help people help themselves; *Higher Education* — student aid to enable needy students to complete education beyond high school; *Racism* — need for eliminating this web is obvious to anyone caught in it. The church must join with other concerned organizations in constructive efforts to change policies and practices of our institutions; *Community Action* — Efforts to see that changes taking place in our society benefit all people and not just a privileged few.

Use the card enclosed in the Stewardship Packet to order "Neighbors in Need" promotional materials. Do it now to avoid disappointment.

## What Kind Of American Are You?

Americans spend more on tobacco than on higher education; as much on chewing gum as on model cities; as much on hair dye as urban mass transportation, and more on pet food than food stamps for the poor.

—United Church Herald

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## J. TAYLOR STANLEY HONORED AT ELON

At the eighty-first annual Commencement Exercises of Elon College, in North Carolina, three leaders in religion and education were honored with doctorates.

Of interest to our readers was the conferring of a Doctor of Divinity Degree on Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, retired Superintendent of the Convention of the South of the Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. Stanley, a native of Centerville, Ala., is presently serving as pastor of Pilgrim U.C.C., High Point, N. C.

Prior to being named Superintendent of the Convention of the South in 1942, Dr. Stanley served pastorates in Nashville, Tenn., Wilmington, N. C., Dudley, N. C., and was part-time Director of Rural Church Work in North Carolina and Virginia. Recently he was interim pastor at Bethel Church, Statesville, N. C.

Dr. and Mrs. Stanley live at 1712 McDonnell Rd., Greensboro, North Carolina, 27401. We congratulate Dr. Stanley on this well-deserved honor.

## WELFARE MYTH NO. 1

It's a myth! Sure, you've heard that if people on welfare would only get jobs like the rest of us and work hard there'd be no welfare problem and we'd all pay less taxes. But it's a myth. Most welfare recipients are NOT "able-bodied but lazy men."

Recent reports from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) indicate that less than one percent of the nation's welfare recipients are able-bodied men and these men have to seek jobs through their state employment agencies to be getting any welfare at all.

Who then are the people on welfare? HEW reports that twenty-four percent are beyond working age. Eight percent are permanently and totally disabled. One percent are blind. Fifty percent are children. Nearly three percent are incapacitated parents in the home. And the remaining thirteen percent are mothers of young children. Whether these mothers should have to work is a debatable question. But in most cases they would need the services of a child day-care center and sometimes specialized job training in order to do so. So don't for a minute think that just putting people to work is the answer to the welfare problem of our nation. That's just a myth!



## Horace Sills Takes New Post

The Rev. Horace S. Sills has resigned his position as Conference Minister of Penn West Conference to become Vice President for Development of Lancaster Theological Seminary, effective August 1, 1971.

In his letter of resignation to the Board of Directors, Mr. Sills expressed his deep concern for the future of the local church, and the opportunity he will have to work with future pastors.

The Rev. Mr. Sills was formerly in the Town and Country Church Department of the U.C.C. Division of Church Extension. In this capacity he worked with the Southeast Conference churches in adjustment and other related matters. We wish him Godspeed in this new ministry.

## 'NEW APPROACHES TO BLACK MINISTRIES'

Ministers and executives from twelve metropolitan areas participated in a seminar held recently at the Shrine of the Black Madonna U.C.S., Detroit. The seminar dealt with total community involvement for black churches.

The Rev. John Mickle discussed the successful role of Mayflower U.C.C., Detroit, where he is co-pastor, in an integrated community and the future of his congregation in that area.

The Rev. Nicholas P. Hood outlined the role of Plymouth U.C.C., also of Detroit, in the economic development of the city. A housing complex, sponsored by Plymouth, has provided employment and housing for citizens of the community.

Commenting upon the seminar, the Rev. Milton L. Upton, staff member of the

## FROM THE HUNTSVILLE CHURCH MODERATOR

First, let me thank each of you who voted me a delegate to the Southeast Conference meeting. It was a pleasure to participate in the various meetings.

The major theme as I saw it was: *An inspirational message to adults and youth which sought our active participation in the Christian faith.* A particular emphasis was placed upon the challenge to the newly educated American blacks, specifically with regard to the needs of the world mission field. Our own Alabama stands out strong in the development of agricultural specialists, and Tennessee, as well as other states, produces men and women with technical and medical skills. These skills are illustrative of the talents required of modern missionaries to bring meaningful faith and examples of Christian love to every corner of the world. I ask you to encourage the young people in our midst, as well as those students of Oakwood College and Alabama A & M to seriously consider entering the mission field.

The meeting itself was held in Jubilee Hall, Fisk University, home of the original Jubilee Singers . . . a group of American blacks who made popular so many spirituals, music which was (and is) melodic and moving; and which took religion to America instead of requiring us to come to it. Where we fell short in teaching each American to read the Bible, knowledge of Christianity passed anyway through words and music. Such were those compositions. "I tell you if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." (Luke 19:40).

—ROY W. MEINKE

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

The Rev. Almeda C. Vickery, curriculum consultant of the UCBHM Division of Publication, received a letter from a school in Turkey, praising the new course *Drumsticks for Justice*. The actual title is *Drum Majors for Justice*. Another letter was addressed to the United Church Board for Homeless Ministers.

A motorist asked a policeman in Phenix City, Alabama, to direct him to the *Congressional Church*.

U.C.B.H.M., said: "A very basic unity underlined the diverse ministries of the predominantly black churches in Detroit, for we have affirmed the validity and authenticity of ministering and healing both in an all black church and in an integrated setting."

# NEWS OF CHURCHES OF THE SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE

## Memorial Established For Howard Bozarth

Church of the Savior, Knoxville, Tenn., announces the establishment of a Memorial Fund to honor Rev. Howard Bozarth of Elon College, N. C., who died unexpectedly July 1, 1971. Funeral services were held Sunday, July 4, with some Knoxville people attending.

In paying tribute to his work among them as Interim Pastor, two members said, in part: "It was largely due to his efforts that we found the church site on which we are building and came to realize its possibilities, and it was through his leadership that we found our present minister. We owe this magnificent human being a great debt as his influence continues to walk across our lives even in ways of unawareness."

A memorial fund has been started in the Church of the Savior in the name of Howard Bozarth so that a very special "something" in his honor may be a part of the new church building. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send checks made payable to the Church of the Savior, c/o Mr. William DeBlois, Lonas and Weisbarger, Knoxville, Tenn. 37191. Mrs. Bozarth will be notified of each contribution.

## First, Nashville, Summer Schedule

The Consistory of First U.C.C., Nashville, Tenn., voted unanimously to change the hour of Sunday Morning Worship to 9:30 A. M. from July 4 through September 5. One class of Church School for all ages will be held, at 10:30 A. M. during this period.

The 9:30 A. M. service will be family oriented; children of grades four and under will leave the church service following the children's sermon and go to the educational wing for an abbreviated Church School session during the remainder of the worship hour.

## Paul Robinson Ordained

Following his graduation from Hartford Theological Seminary, Paul B. Robinson was ordained on May 23 in First Church, U.C.C., Fairfield, Conn., where his father, Rev. Henry Robinson, is pastor.

The Rev. Mr. Paul Robinson is the son-



Left to right: Johnny Seay, W. J. Andes, and Lowell Smoot.

## Jones Chapel Holds Revival

The Rev. Mr. Lowell A. Smoot, pastor of Liberty U.C.C., Henderson, N. C., conducted a week-long revival at Jones Chapel, Woodbury, Ga., during July.

Mr. Smoot found himself very much at home, especially since some members of his family still live there.

On some evenings, a fellowship supper was served prior to the 8 p. m. service. Perhaps the generous helpings of food accounted for the enthusiastic singing.

Rev. Mr. Terry Clark is pastor of Jones Chapel.

## New Hope Homecoming Features Dedications

Dr. F. C. Lester of High Point, N. C., presided at the Dedication Ceremony for several items of church furnishings when New Hope Congregational Christian Church, Clio, Ala., observed Homecoming and Dedication Day, Sunday, July 11, 1971.

Dr. Lester, who served New Hope Church for several months recently as its Interim Pastor, has urged the people to take pride in their building and make it a beautiful house of worship and service.

Gifts dedicated included Memorial Windows, a Chancel Gethsemane Window, a Communion Table, a Cross and Offering Plates. Dinner on the grounds followed the Morning Worship Service.

Rev. and Mrs. Otto C. Culpepper are presently serving the church.

in-law of Dr. and Mrs. F. C. Lester, High Point, N. C. Dr. Lester preached the ordination sermon.

Southeast Conference friends will recall that the Robinsons served New Hope Church, Clio, Alabama, during the summer of 1969. They have accepted a call to a mission-aided church on Oahu in Hawaii.

## HOBBY SHOW HELD AT UPLANDS CENTER

When the leader of the Uplands occupational therapy department talked about having a hobby show, no one anticipated what an important event this would become! Nursing home residents, village retirees, and other local citizens prepared to take part.

The project soon gained county-wide attention; Uplands was invited to schedule the hobby show as a major event in the Cumberland County Phlox Festival in April.

When the day came, more than 75 different entries were on display in the Community House, including weaving, quilting, sewing, wood carving, oil painting, baking, gardening, flower arranging, and finger painting. Visitors from considerable distances admired the displays, and participants were thrilled to share with others their very own creations. The hobby show was one of the big events in the spring season.

## Church School Day At Huntsville

Sunday, June 6, was a busy and happy day at United Church, Huntsville, Ala.

During Morning Worship, the Church School interpreted their work and worship together in their presentation, "Sharing the Past Year's Activities." Bibles were presented to children entering the Lower Junior Class, and promotion certificates to all children moving up one class.

At 5 P. M. a cookout was held on the church grounds. People were notified by the Committee as to what they were to bring.

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## new MEDIA

With all the wealth of motion pictures and filmstrips available for church use, why not make the most of them?

A new "Training Kit for Using Audio Visuals in a Church" may be borrowed from the Southeast Conference office, for return postage only. It is very usable for youth officers and advisors, teachers, and Christian Education Committees. Contents include:

*Part I — Why Use Audio-Visuals in Your Church?* A filmstrip, a 16mm film, and record are utilized to present A-V's as communications tools to help the church do a better job in its varied program.

*Part II — How to Use Filmstrips.* Shows that filmstrips are easy to use by teachers and other volunteer workers.

*Part III — How to Use Motion Pictures.* Emphasizes the need for developing skills and insights for effective use of films. Specific illustrations are given for what should be done before a film is shown, what should be done during the showing, and what should be done afterwards.

*Part IV — How to Organize for Audio-Visuals.* Outlines ten basic principles to make the most use of audio-visuals.

## ADVERTISE FOR LOST MEMBERS?

The Rev. James Tucker, pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas, says his congregation is considering listing names of members who have not attended church in the past year in a local newspaper advertisement.

Episcopal Church law requires that to be a member in good standing one must take communion at least three times a year. Mr. Tucker estimates that of the 600 members of his church, 391 have "disappeared."

"There would be some red faces all around," says Mr. Tucker, "if all churches advertised such lost, strayed or stolen members in the newspapers."

—United Church Herald

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## ANNIE R. CAMPBELL

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doing whatever was needed. She personified home missions, since her salary was paid by that Board.

During Dr. Ensminger's administration of the Southeast area, she called herself a "pinch-hitter," working in various churches of Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee. At one time she taught at Thorsby Institute while serving four small churches nearby.

Following a year of special training at Chicago Theological Seminary, Miss Annie spent a year in England and other parts of Europe — in Work Camps. "That was some experience," she recalls. Back in the Southeast, she was pastor of Mountain Grove Church, Hanceville, Ala., for two years; also Garden City for six years.

For five years she worked in Christian Education with the former Southeast Convention, prior to accepting the pastorate of Robbins Parish.

During the Robbins Parish pastorate, Miss Annie has been: a member of the Ministers' Association, Vice-Chairman of the EOA Board; in various capacities on the Scott County Library Board for six years, helping to establish Bookmobile Stations; with the Scott County Arts and Crafts project, working as Publicity Chairman; charter member of Scott County Business and Professional Women; member of Robbins Community Club, Glenmary Community Club and Home Demonstration Club; enlisting young people to help with Arthritis drives, and other such efforts. And even when few other churches were represented in summer camps and various other youth events, she has seen to it that Robbins Parish young people attended.

Under her leadership, the Deer Lodge Church has added a substantial wing to its building, which is used for all sorts of community events.

Her crowning achievement, perhaps, is the vision of a Community Center for Robbins. Helped by the U.C.C. Board for Homeland Ministries, the Center was completed recently at a cost of \$15,000. A sizeable donation from a New England women's group has made possible some of the furnishings. At a community Center Board meeting in July, the retiring pastor said, "I feel like Moses looking over into the Promised Land."

Although she will make her home in Winter Park, Fla., with her two sisters Ethel and Alice, we expect Miss Annie to pay periodic visits to her "first love" churches in the Southeast Conference.



STUDENT NURSES AT  
RYDER HOSPITAL

## CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN AT RYDER

According to Sr. Saturnino Pena, Administrator, construction of the new Ryder Memorial Hospital, Humacao, Puerto Rico, is expected to get under way this summer.

More than a million dollars is currently held in cash reserve, of which approximately \$600,000 has been raised in campaigns conducted in several U.C.C. Conferences. Estimated cost of the completed hospital is \$5,500,000. Applications for grants and loans are now pending.

Begun more than half a century ago by the American Missionary Association, Ryder has grown from a small, almost primitive, mission clinic to become one of the most important health care facilities in Puerto Rico, and is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. Dr. John Smith is Medical Director.

## 1971 U. C. C. Yearbook Available

If your church has need for information concerning other U.C.C. churches and ministers, as well as listings of denominational boards, councils, commissions and committees elected by General Synod, you may need additional copies of the 1971 U.C.C. Yearbook.

Included also are listings of Ordinands, Armed Forces and Institutional Chaplains, Missionaries, Licentiates, University and College Chaplains, and the member agencies of the Council for Higher Education and of the Council for Health and Welfare.

Cost is \$2.00 in lots of four to the same address and in a single order. Single copies cost \$2.50 per copy, postpaid in both instances.

Order from The United Church of Christ, 297 Park Avenue South, Room 75, New York, N. Y. 10010.

## SO YOU'RE POOR!

In many parts of the world today, the standard income for a family is less than \$200 a year! Do you know what that means?

In his book, *The Great Assent*, Robert L. Heilbronner suggests twelve steps by which we could learn what it's like. Taking as his model a typical American family with an income of \$6,000 to \$7,000 per year, Heilbronner shows us how to live on the worldwide standard:

... First, take away your furniture, except for a few old blankets, a kitchen table, and one chair.

... Then take away all your clothing, except for the oldest dress or suit and one shirt or blouse for each member of the family. Leave only one pair of shoes for the head of the household.

... Empty the pantry and refrigerator except for a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few moldy potatoes for tonight's dinner, a handful of onions, and a dish of dried beans.

... Dismantle the bathroom, shut off the water, and remove the electric wiring.

... Now take away your house itself, and move into the toolshed.

... Remove all the other houses in the neighborhood and set up a shantytown in their place.

... Cancel all subscriptions — newspapers, magazines and book clubs. (This is no great loss since the family is now illiterate).

... Move the nearest clinic or hospital ten miles away and put a midwife in charge of it instead of a doctor.

... Throw out all bankbooks, stock certificates, pension plans, and insurance policies and leave yourself a cash "hoard" of only five dollars.

... Give the head of the family three tenant acres to cultivate. On this he can raise \$300 in cash crops, of which one-third will go to the landlord and one-tenth to the local money lender.

... Lop off 25 to 30 years from your life expectancy.

Good luck!



## Where Your OCWM \$\$\$ Go

Schoolgirls in Turkey, like this one, are beneficiaries of our U.C.B.W.M.'s concern for education. The American Collegiate Institute at Izmir, has a student body of 550 girls in its junior high, high school, and junior college programs.

The American Academy for Girls at Uskudar has 500 enrolled within a similar age range.

## 'Help! I'm A Sunday School Teacher'

In these days of "do-it-yourself" projects, it's great to recommend a self-help book for Sunday Church School teachers. Such is the paper-bound book recently published by Westminster Press; *Help! I'm a Sunday School Teacher*, written by Mary Duckert.

It is not technical or difficult to read—it is fun to read, and at the same time very helpful to a teacher in any size church school at any place. If a few teachers can come together occasionally to discuss some of its ideas — fine; if not, there is still much stimulation from one teacher working alone with it. So practical are its contents that it jokes about the kinds of places where classes must sometimes meet — kitchens, dining rooms, a gymnasium, and even the "six-by-six cubicle" — then it shows you how to make creative use of such spaces.

A reviewer speaks aptly of the author's approach: "Miss Duckert pulls no punches. You will be teaching real children, in the boiler room to spilling clay on the parlor carpet. But with the author's reassurance, you will not only survive—you'll go back Sunday after Sunday for more."

If you are a volunteer with little or no background in teaching, you will find real

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for the six A.M.A. (American Missionary Association) Schools, such as Fisk University, Talladega, etc., and for educational institutions of our Board for World Ministries overseas.

3. *Peace and American Power* — All of us are for peace, but we do so little about it. Could the two million members of the U.C.C. use their resources and influence to change the 76 billion dollar Defense Budget into Dollars for Peace? We have the choice: Peace or ultimate destruction.

4. *Strengthening the Local Church* — Someone will say, "Great, they finally got around to us!" Do we realize how sick and feeble the local church is? In the Southeast Conference 93 of our churches have less than 100 members each; in our denomination, approximately two-thirds of our churches have less than 300 members each. Survival is a real question for many churches. Service to meet needs of the whole earth and of the people is a larger question. Why has God called us into His Church at this time and in the place where we are? General Synod is now making plans to improve leadership — clergy and lay — to renew an understanding of what it means to be a "steward of all of life," and to develop a Planning Process for each Church to face the issues of life and to be an instrument of God in the whole earth.

D. T. Niles once said, "The Church is the habitation of the Holy Spirit and it is the agent of God's power in the world." When President Robert Moss of the United Church of Christ closed the Synod meeting, he said, "Truly the Holy Spirit has been present in the deliberations of the 8th General Synod." He left it for each delegate and each church to answer the question, "Are we the agent of God's power in the whole earth so that there shall be a whole people?"

—W. J. ANDES

help in this "practical how-to-do-it guide by a good-natured survivor of church school teaching." *Help! I'm a Sunday Teacher* is written in an easy colloquial style, costs \$1.85, and may be ordered from the United Church Bookstore, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.